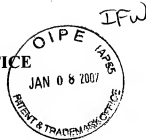


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- ☒ The EP 1215730 reference corresponds to the WO 01/018872 reference; U.S.

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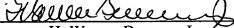
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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